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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 4, 2005, claims 18-37 are pending in the application. By the foregoing amendments, claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 34 and 35, and claims 34 and 35 have been cancelled.

Applicants submit herewith a declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to swear behind the Hatano reference. Because the Hatano reference is used in the rejection of claims 18-30 and 35, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration of allowance of these claims. Specifically, as the subject matter of claim 35 has been incorporated into claim 31, the Hatano reference cannot form the basis of rejecting any of claims 1-33, 36 and 37.

Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration in view of the §1.131 affidavit. In light of the above remarks, Applicants believe that all rejections are now overcome.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place the application in a better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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